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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED TO GDR EMBASSY
MARCH 22 AS REPLY TO LATTER'S NOTE OF NOVEMBER 16,
1977 ON YARNELL INCIDENT IN HAMBURG:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO NOTE NO. 116/77
DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1977 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE ASSAULT ON SECOND
NAUTICAL OFFICER SEIFERT OF THE MS "RONNEBURG" IN
HAMBURG, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ON NOVEMBER 8,
1977.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY
OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC THAT THE APPROPRIATE
MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAVE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION,
AND THE FOUR UNITED STATES NAVAL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ASSAULT ON SECOND NAUTICAL OFFICER SEIFERT HAVE
BEEN AWARDED APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BY THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER UNDER THE UNITED STATES
UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS REGRET
FOR THE ASSAULT ON SECOND OFFICER SEIFERT BUT MUST
RESPECTFULLY REJECT THE REQUEST OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FOR COMPENSATION AND EXEMPLARY
DAMAGES, SINCE THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WERE NOT
ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN COMMITTING THE OFFENSE
IN QUESTION.

END TEXT. VANCE

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